

## PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT[661]

### Notice of Intended Action

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 100B.10, the State Fire Marshal hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 251, “Fire Fighter Training and Certification,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Iowa Code chapter 100B requires the State Fire Marshal to establish minimum training standards for fire fighters. The current standards were adopted several years ago. The proposed amendments to the rules which establish minimum training required for fire fighters engaged in structural fire fighting do not modify the substance of those requirements but update a reference to a national standard used in the rule, delete references to a past effective date which are no longer needed, and modify the format, but do not change the content, of the list of subjects for continuing training of fire department members.

In addition, the Fire Service Training Bureau, which is under the direction of the State Fire Marshal, administers the certification program for fire fighters in the State of Iowa. This certification program is recognized nationally by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (PROBOARD) and internationally by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). Certification is not required by state law to work in the fire service in Iowa, but certification is required by some fire departments as a condition of employment. Amendments proposed herein to the rules establishing certification standards do not change the substance of those standards but add references to recognition of Iowa’s certification program by the PROBOARD and reorganize explanatory information in the notes to rule 661—251.201(100B) for greater clarity.

Any person may submit written comments regarding the proposed amendments by mail to Agency Rules Administrator, Iowa Department of Public Safety, State Public Safety Headquarters Building, 215 East 7th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319; by fax to (515)725-6195 (cover sheet should say “Attention: Agency Rules Administrator”); or by E-mail to [admrule@dps.state.ia.us](mailto:admrule@dps.state.ia.us), by 4:30 p.m. on October 31, 2011. Written comments may also be submitted at the public hearing.

There will be a public hearing to accept oral comments on these amendments at 9:30 a.m. on November 1, 2011, in the First Floor Public Conference Room (Room 125) in the State Public Safety Headquarters Building, 215 East 7th Street, Des Moines. Any person who wishes to speak on these proposed amendments may do so at the public hearing. Persons who wish to speak at the hearing are encouraged to notify the Agency Rules Administrator of their wish to do so at least one day prior to the hearing by telephone at (515)725-6185 or by E-mail to [admrule@dps.state.ia.us](mailto:admrule@dps.state.ia.us). Persons who speak at the public hearing are also encouraged to submit their comments in writing but are not required to do so. The hearing room is fully accessible.

These amendments are not anticipated to have any fiscal impact.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 100B.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 661—251.101(100B), introductory paragraph, as follows:

**661—251.101(100B) Minimum training standard.** ~~On or after July 1, 2010, any~~ Any member of a fire department shall have completed the training requirements identified in the job performance requirements for the fire fighter I classification in NFPA 1001, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, ~~2002~~ 2008 edition, chapter 5, prior to the member’s engaging in structural fire fighting.

Each fire department shall identify its members who are or will be engaged in structural fire fighting and shall ensure that any member engaged in structural fire fighting ~~on or after July 1, 2010~~, has completed the training requirements specified in this rule prior to the member's engaging in structural fire fighting.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 661—251.102(100B) as follows:

**661—251.102(100B) Other training.** Any member of a fire department who serves in a capacity other than structural fire fighting at an emergency incident ~~on or after July 1, 2010~~, shall have received training based on the duties the member might perform at an emergency incident. Training to meet this requirement may be provided by the fire service training bureau, a community college, a regional fire training facility, or a local fire department, or any combination thereof.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 661—251.103(100B) as follows:

**661—251.103(100B) Continuing training.** ~~After July 1, 2010, fire~~ Fire department members shall participate in at least 24 hours of continuing training annually, which shall be selected from the following subject areas:

- 1. Personal protective equipment and respiratory protection.
- 2. Structural fire fighting techniques including standard operating policies or standard operating guidelines.
- 3. Ground ladders.
- 4. Hose and hose appliances.
- 5. Ventilation.
- 6. Forcible entry.
- 7. Search and rescue techniques.
- 8. Fire fighter safety.
- 9. Incident management system or incident command system.
- 10. Emergency vehicle driver-operator.
- 11. Hazardous materials first responder—operations level.
- 12. Emergency medical service (EMS) training.
- 13. Additional training based on standard operating procedures or standard operating guidelines.
- 14. Other Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)-related training, such as blood-borne pathogen protection.
- 15. Specialty training such as confined space entry, vehicle extrication, rescue techniques, wildland or agricultural fire fighting techniques.
- 16. Emergency response to terrorism.
- 17. Any other training designed to meet local training needs.

NOTE: Training to meet this requirement may be provided by the fire service training bureau, a community college, a regional fire training facility, or a local fire department, or any combination thereof.

ITEM 4. Amend rule 661—251.201(100B), introductory paragraphs, as follows:

**661—251.201(100B) Fire fighter certification program.** There is established within the fire service training bureau of the fire marshal division a fire fighter certification program for the state of Iowa, which shall be known as the Iowa fire service certification system. The Iowa fire service certification system is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (PROBOARD) and the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) to certify fire service personnel to accepted national standards. All certifications issued by the Iowa fire service certification system shall be based upon nationally accepted standards.

NOTE 1: Participation in the Iowa fire service certification system is voluntary in that state law does not require certification to work or volunteer as a fire fighter in Iowa. However, some fire departments within the state require certification for continued employment or promotion. Inquiries regarding such requirements should be directed to the hiring or employing department.

NOTE 2: Inquiries and requests regarding the Iowa fire service certification system should be directed to Iowa Fire Service Certification System, Fire Service Training Bureau, 3100 Fire Service Road, Ames, Iowa 50010-3100. The bureau can be contacted by telephone at (888)469-2374 (toll-free) or at (515)294-6817, by fax at (800)722-7350 (toll-free) or (515)294-2156, or by electronic mail at [fstbinfo@dps.state.ia.us](mailto:fstbinfo@dps.state.ia.us). Further information can be found on the Web site for the fire service training bureau at [www.state.ia.us/government/dps/fm/fstb](http://www.state.ia.us/government/dps/fm/fstb).

ITEM 5. Amend subrule 251.204(1) as follows:

**251.204(1) Certification.** Upon completion of the requirements for certification, the applicant's name shall be entered into the Iowa certification database maintained by the fire service training bureau for the respective level of certification and into the ~~National Certification Data Base~~ certification databases maintained by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (PROBOARD) and the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). Individuals who successfully complete the certification requirements shall also receive an individualized certificate awarding national certification from the fire service training bureau, which will bear a numbered ~~seal~~ seals from the PROBOARD and the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress IFSAC, and additional insignia from the fire service training bureau.